

REMARKS

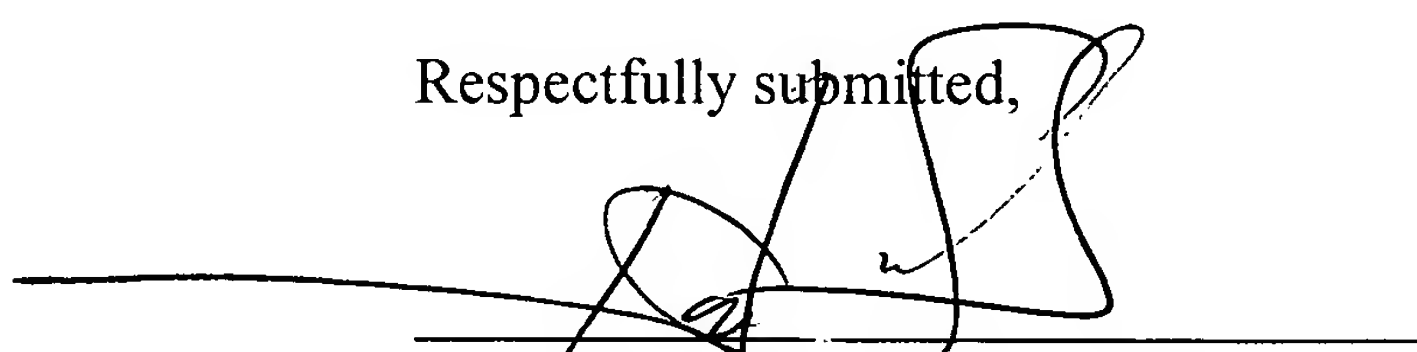
The Examiner requires an election between the species of Figures 1-5; the species in figure 6; the species of Figure 7; the species of Figure 8; the species of Figures 9-10; the species of Figure 15; the species of Figure 16; the species of Figure 17-18; the species of Figures 19-20; the species of Figures 21-23; the species of Figure 24 and the associated claims therewith. Applicant chooses to continue with claims directed to the species of Figures 1-5 and hereby withdraws claims 15-20 from further consideration.

SUMMARY

Applicant's counsel has addressed all issues raised by the Examiner in this first Office Action. If any issues have not been adequately addressed it was purely unintentional and the Examiner is invited to telephone counsel. The application now appears to be in condition for passage to allowance and such action is earnestly solicited.

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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Hani Z. Sayed', is written over a horizontal line.

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